

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7437–S7521

Measures Introduced: Twenty-eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3095–3122, S. Res. 431–434, and S. Con. Res. 17.

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Measures Reported:

H.R. 965, to establish a comprehensive United States Government initiative to build the capacity of young leaders and entrepreneurs in Africa, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 380, reiterating United States support for the people of the Republic of South Sudan in their quest for lasting peace, stability, and democracy after 10 years of independence and calling for a review of United States policy toward South Sudan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. 1104, to measure the progress of post-disaster recovery and efforts to address corruption, governance, rule of law, and media freedoms in Haiti, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1657, to impose sanctions with respect to the People's Republic of China in relation to activities in the South China Sea and the East China Sea, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2129, to promote freedom of information and counter censorship and surveillance in North Korea, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

VA Transparency & Trust Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2911, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a plan for obligating and expending Coronavirus pandemic funding made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the bill was then passed.

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Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3475, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic

in Columbus, Georgia, as the "Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic", and the bill was then passed. **Page S7450**

Lieutenant Colonel John W. Mosley VA Clinic: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4172, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Aurora, Colorado, as the "Lieutenant Colonel John W. Mosley VA Clinic", and the bill was then passed. **Page S7450**

Secure Equipment Act: Senate passed H.R. 3919, to ensure that the Federal Communications Commission prohibits authorization of radio frequency devices that pose a national security risk. **Page S7450**

Surface Transportation Authorization Extension Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives, that it has passed the Surface Transportation Authorization Extension that is identical to the text of S. 3122, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, and transit programs, that the bill be considered read a third time and deemed passed.

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Robinson Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Beth Robinson, of Vermont, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. EX. 447), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Heytens Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Toby J. Heytens, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 448), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Davidson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jonathan Davidson, of Maryland, to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S7447–48**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, October 28, 2021, a vote on cloture will occur at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. **Page S7448**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7447**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7447**

Harris Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Benjamin Harris, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S7448**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jonathan Davidson, of Maryland, to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S7448**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7448**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7448**

Coleman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Isobel Coleman, of New York, to be a Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. **Page S7448**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Benjamin Harris, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S7448**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7448**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7448**

Prieto Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey M. Prieto, of

California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S7448**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Isobel Coleman, of New York, to be a Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. **Page S7448**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7448**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7448**

Nayak Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Rajesh D. Nayak, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. **Pages S7448–49**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jeffrey M. Prieto, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Pages S7448–49**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7448**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7448**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that motions to invoke cloture on the nominations ripen at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. **Page S7449**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, November 1, 2021, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Jonathan Davidson, of Maryland, to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury; and that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Beth Robinson, of Vermont, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, and Toby J. Heytens, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, in the order listed. **Page S7520**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 442), Omar Antonio Williams, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut. **Pages S7437–40**

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 443), Matthew G. Olsen, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S7440**

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 444), Christopher H. Schroeder, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S7440**

By 53 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 445), Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Pages S7440–46**

By 53 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. EX. 446), Elizabeth Prelogar, of Idaho, to be Solicitor General of the United States. **Page S7446**

Guy T. Kiyokawa, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Enterprise Integration).

Rahul Gupta, of West Virginia, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy.

Matthew M. Graves, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 3 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.
- 2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S7449, S7455**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Alan Davidson, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2020.

Gigi B. Sohn, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2021.

Robert Otto Burciaga Valdez, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia.

Katherine Vidal, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

- 2 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral. **Page S7520**

Messages from the House: **Pages S7458–59**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S7520**

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—448) **Pages S7440, S7445–47**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, November 1, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7520.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Bradley Sherman, of Texas, to be Chief Information Officer, Ashish S. Vazirani, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Carrie Frances Ricci, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Nickolas Guertin, of Virginia, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Alexandra Baker, of New Jersey, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, John Patrick Coffey, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, Douglas R. Bush, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, and 1,382 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force, all of the Department of Defense.

CFPB SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Semi-Annual Report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Rohit Chopra, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.